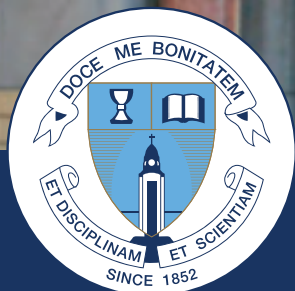


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Thank you, Joe!



Joe Younder '56
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Terence Sheridan '89, Principal, poses with Vice-Principals David Lee '94 and Emile John '87 under the Student Archway.

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message from the president

CAN SOMETHING WE HAVE ONLY DONE ONCE BE CALLED A TRADITION?

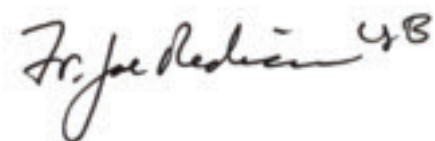
Dear Alumni,

Today, October 10, 2010, we gathered the new Grade 7 and 8 students in the courtyard and the Student Prefects helped the younger ones put on their school blazers for the first time. There was a prayer and a blessing and short speeches by our new Principal, [Mr. Terry Sheridan '89](#) and our new Vice Principal [Mr. David Lee '94](#). Mr. Lee stated that this was a “new tradition” which at first blush might seem like an oxymoron.

However, a living community like St. Michael's College School needs to be able to create traditions and to let go of those that are no longer helpful if it is to adapt to the new times and circumstances in which it finds itself. Fr. John Reddy C.S.B., the school's Chaplain, reflected in one of his morning prayers early in the school year, that every year the school is a new community as some students and teachers have graduated and moved on, while new students come into the school. Although the school seems the same, it is a different community with different relationships among its individual members.

At the same time we endeavour to maintain some constants. Having Christ at the centre of our school life and our daily efforts, doing our best to live Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge, striving for academic, athletic and artistic excellence, are all part of our life at St. Michael's year in and year out.

Our challenge then is to stay with our core values while being committed to making all things new in Christ. Perhaps, “new traditions” isn't such a contradictory concept after all!



Fr. Joe Redican, C.S.B.
President & CEO



message from alumni president



During my time on the St. Michael's College School alumni executive, I am continually impressed by the continued dedication of former students to the school. Many members of the alumni I speak to are looking for ways to get involved and re-establish or strengthen their connection to the school.

While much of the focus seems to be on financial contributions, the focus of the Alumni Association is on the many other ways that people can stay involved and contribute.

We also realize that so many want to make time, but face the significant full-time commitments of family and work, and for those blessed with children, a dedicated effort to ensuring they experience the best of life and start their own traditions.

Over the last few years, we have made a concerted effort to broaden our involvement in as many areas of the school as we could. This not only strengthens our investment in the future of St. Michael's, but it also provides a diverse number of ways and commitment levels for our alumni.

There are many ways that you can become involved:

- > Volunteer at, or in the planning of, one of the many Alumni events, such as the Turkey Roll, Golf Tournaments, Alumni Dinners
- > Start a new Alumni event (class dinner, Buzzers game outing, pub night, annual class mass, etc...)
- > Support the Alumni mentorship program by submitting your profile online or volunteer as a career day speaker
- > Come back for an Alumni visit and speak to the graduating class about your time here, how to remain connected and life after St. Michael's
- > Sit on one of our newly established Alumni Association Committees
- > Write a story or send in some photos for the *Blue Banner* alumni magazine
- > Start up an Alumni Chapter in your home town
- > Clear out your basement or attic and donate some old SMC paraphernalia to the growing SMC archives
- > Attend one of the school plays or a sporting event at the school

A major undertaking by the alumni has been to update and renovate the Alumni Lounge (located in the arena). This space will be a welcoming area for alumni to host meetings and various events. The space has also been painted and new carpet has been installed. There is still much to do and [Chris Bingham '83](#) has completed most of the renovation himself. Consider lending him a hand with the rest of the project or adding your name to the Alumni Supporters Wall with a donation. Call Kimm Bailey for more information, 416-653-3180, ext.118.

More than anything, I would urge you to contact me or any other member of the Alumni Association board to share your thoughts regarding how we can better serve you or how we might work together to support the mandate of the Alumni Association and SMC.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Josh Colle".

Josh Colle '92
President, SMCS Alumni Association

letter from the editor

ENSURING THE TRADITION LIVES ON...

Welcome to the Fall 2010 edition of the *Blue Banner*.

While most of you are undoubtedly preparing for the blessed season of Christmas, the *Blue Banner* team is currently going through a transition!

In the Spring 2010 edition, [Joe Younder '56](#) announced his retirement as editor. On behalf of the *Blue Banner* editorial staff, I would like to thank Joe for resurrecting our alumni magazine and bringing it to a new level of excellence. His tireless work ethic and commitment to detail was a blessing for our community, and was matched by his outpouring of passion, concern for others, and love for his alma mater. Not only did St. Michael's benefit from his expertise, but we built a friendship that will last a lifetime – a tradition at St. Mike's.

In the coming weeks, we hope to have a new editor in place and move full speed ahead to bring you the spring 2011 issue.

On another note, I wish to thank CrunchMedia's, Don & Liana Marino, current parents, for their generosity in helping to redesign this magazine and other communication tools at the school. We look forward to your feedback on the new look.

The redesigned Banner is based on the feedback we received from the survey that was conducted earlier this year. Thank you to those who completed the survey, for the very positive results, as well as the constructive feedback. It is now our goal to build future *Blue Banner* editions based on your suggestions. A highlighted summary of the survey results is available on page 26.

Finally, on a personal note, I wish to echo the sentiments expressed by Alumni President [Josh Colle '92](#), in his letter (page 3). The challenge for us as alumni is to assist St. Michael's to ensure the tradition of excellence, of community and faith, lives on.

As a student, it was front and centre, as we dedicated ourselves in academic, athletic, and artistic ways thanks to the diverse curriculum of the school. Through our individual and collective commitment to success, through the battles we won and lost together, and through the activities and projects that sailed to success, we felt a part of the tradition of excellence, of camaraderie, of community and of faith.

As adults, as alumni, continuing the tradition is often a little more difficult. Faced with significant full-time commitments to family, we must find time for St. Michael's. It may be a day, a few hours, or less, but as alumni we need to make a commitment to the school we speak so highly of, are so proud to mention to others, and that gave us a foundation for life.

Merry Christmas to you, and your family.



Michael De Pellegrin '94
Editor & Director of Communications

letters to the editor

Since the retirement of the Blue Banner editor, Joe Younder '56 we have received many congratulatory letters for a job well done. We have printed a few excerpts below along with other grad news.

Dear Joe,

In the fall of 1955, a skinny lad from the west end of Toronto enrolled at St. Mike's in Grade 9. Although he knew a few classmates from his elementary school, St. Mike's was a very big deal and he was feeling somewhat lost and intimidated. Fortunately, he turned out for 6-man football and was assigned to the Queen's Golden Gaels coached by none other than Joseph Younder, a much older senior student.

Obviously Joe, I was that student and that football experience made me feel part of the fabric of the school and of belonging to a group. I have always remembered your warmth, honour and enthusiasm, which made games and practices so much fun. Whenever you saw one of 'your' players in the hall or cafeteria you always shouted out an enthusiastic hello, even though we were 'minor niners'. A couple of years later I tried to emulate that quality when I coached House League football. Historical note: backed by the shrewd X's and O's of Coach Younder plus the fact that nobody could tackle [Bruno Bertolin '58](#), with whom I attended Queen's along with five guys named Mo, we actually won the championship.

When you started to edit the Blue Banner, I was immediately struck by the qualities that showed through the magazine: enthusiasm, caring and humour. At the time, I said to myself I must write and tell you what a great job you were doing and what significant differences you made to my early life at St. Mike's.

Coulda, shoulda, woulda....I read in the last edition of your retirement as editor. Joe, you did a fantastic job. Not only did I enjoy and thoroughly read each edition, my wife did as well.

Warmest Regards,
[Peter Swalwell '60](#)

Dear Joe & Michael,

Thank you for the effort you have both put into the alumni magazine – a fantastic publication to read. To Joe, thank you for your leadership, friendship, and mentorship over the many years we have known one another. The Blue Banner will miss you.

With admiration,
[Robert Pietrobon '74](#)

Dear Joe,

Thank you for your tremendous commitment to St. Mike's both as a teacher and Blue Banner editor. I have very fond memories of your English classes, trips to Stratford and "Prom Etiquette" tutorials. Looking back on my academic career, I believe that it was your extraordinary ability to engage me that provided me with the motivation I needed to navigate high school and university.

Appreciatively,
[David Lee '81](#)

Dear Editor,

I just read Joe Younder's thoughtful "last shift" letter and must congratulate him for preserving the wonderful spirit that the Basilian Fathers and lay staff shared with all of us at St. Mike's.

[George Kokich '59](#)

Dear Editor,

The school is richer for having such a publication as the Blue Banner, and I know of no other high school that has something comparable.

[Peter Murphy '56](#)

letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

Fr. Hugh Foley, C.S.B. '42 kindly sent me a copy of the "Gala Opening of St. Michael's College School Centre for the Arts". It's absolutely "smashing," and please accept my hearty congratulations on this development and achievement. It is a great step forward, and has been long desired. I participated in the Drama department in the late 30's and early 40's and loved every moment of it. (Could that possibly be me on p. 33, the wide picture? I doubt it, though I'd like it to be.) There is no doubting the educational value of the arts and their necessity for proper human development. I have a precious memory of how the arts affected my vocation to the Basilians. My prayers of thanksgiving to God for this great moment of achievement in the glorious history of SMCS.

Fr. Wally Platt, C.S.B. '42

Fr. Platt, C.S.B. works in the Basilian missions in Colombia and is an uncle of Diane Levine and sons, [Michael '03](#), [Paul '04](#), [John David '06](#), and [Stephen '08](#).

Dear Editor,

I must concur with Fr. Redican's, C.S.B. kind remarks on Joe Younder's retirement and the successful re-launching of the Blue Banner.

Andy Wyszkoewski '56



David Mulroney '73, Canadian Ambassador to China, and [Patrick Brown '97](#), MP for Barrie, Ontario, at World Expo in Shanghai.

Dear Joe,

Thank you very much for all that you have done to launch and nurture the "new" Blue Banner. It truly has been a professional publication, dedicated to the lifeline between SMCS and its alumni.

Paul '54 & Dorothy Ann Findlay

Dear Joe,

Congratulations on your retirement and the fine job as editor of the Blue Banner. We are especially pleased out here in British Columbia of your promotion of our alumni association.

Sincerely,

Hal Moffatt '52

I enjoyed reading all the warm spirit and the fond memories you have given us in the Blue Banner. Our magazine has become the glue that connects us to the yellow bricks.

Fred Merlocco '67

Congratulations on four years of quality Blue Banners. The stories and pictures leave me and I am sure others, feeling that we are part of the St. Mike's story.

Jack Fenn '54

Dear Editor,

I was impressed with the Spring/Summer edition of the Blue Banner, particularly the commentary relating to the career day speakers. I know that many graduates cherish their time at St. Mike's and continue to enjoy and kindle the numerous friendships following high school. I extend my best wishes to Joe Younder on his retirement and for the wonderful job as editor.

Sincerely,

Michael McRae '57

alumni chapters

It has long been the Alumni Association's intent to establish Alumni Chapters. We realize that many grads do meet and associate with one another through work and play. We would like to be informed of your gatherings so that others may be brought together to share their time at St. Michael's with you. We are looking for grads to organize alumni chapters in your region. We can provide you with contact information. Call Stephanie Nicholls at 416-653-3180 x 273 or e-mail nicholls@smcsmail.com.

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tribute to fr. massey lombardi

FR. MASSEY LOMBARDI '59 — A MAN OF PEACE AND HOLY COWS

It was twenty-six years ago in 1984, when Toronto was celebrating its Sesquicentennial that the former Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau turned the sod on Toronto's Peace Garden in Nathan Philips Square. In 2009, Justin Trudeau told a crowd of 4,000 Catholic students gathered at the Square that "Peace is hard. We need your ideas; we need your vision; we need your dreams. Each and every one of us has the capacity to change the world."

It was in 1984 when the Peace Garden was blessed by Pope John Paul II and in the same year inaugurated by Queen Elizabeth. At that time, Hiroshima survivor, Setsuko Thurlow, told the crowd how she survived the first nuclear blast on a civilian population when she was a thirteen-year-old student.

What is of particular interest and concern for us is that it was [Fr. Massey Lombardi '59](#), who conceived the idea of the Peace Garden, and who transported the embers from the eternal flame in Hiroshima's Memorial Peace Park and water from Nagasaki's Peace Park, to light the eternal flame and start the fountain in Toronto's Peace Garden in 1984. Massey, the pastor of St. Wilfrid's Church in Toronto, addressed the crowd on the 25th anniversary, and told them they were "empowered by God and Jesus Christ. It's a power not to destroy but to build up." Out of this celebration, the Toronto Catholic District School Board initiated a programme in their schools, called "Peace Amen" to nominate Ambassadors of Peace.

Although many are disappointed that the Peace Garden has been relocated from the middle of Nathan Philips Square to the west landscaped area next to Osgoode Hall and the new Law Courts Sculptured Gardens, Fr. Massey's desire for social justice did not stop here.

When Fr. Emmanuel Walakira of Uganda was at the end of his visit with St. Wilfrid's Parish, Fr. Massey asked if there was any gift his parish could give him to take back home to his mother. The response came back immediately. "A cow," he said. At first the Toronto parishioners laughed at the idea but when Fr. Emmanuel went on to explain the crucial role played by cattle in the local economy, they understood that the few dollars it cost to buy a cow would provide milk for the children, fertilizer for the crops and, of course, meat; it could bring about major changes throughout his entire village. Fr. Massey immediately appealed to his parishioners who responded with compassion and generosity donating over \$60,000 toward the new venture. "Everyone saw the need...It was a heartening experience," said Fr. Massey.

What started with a simple request for a single cow quickly blossomed into an 80 cow herd, funds for essentials to fight malaria, AIDS, support for the Parish clinic, books, school supplies, farm equipment, and much more. Fr. Emmanuel returned home to his village in Uganda with the good news and immediately set out to purchase the cows and begin the process of healing the village. Thus began project, Holy Cows. The needs of this very poor area did not stop with the purchase of 80 cows. That is why North American Paper Incorporated continues to support the goodwill initiative of Fr. Massey and Fr. Emmanuel. The cows have brought a sense of hope to the village but the people need more and with the help of North American Paper Incorporated and many generous donations, they are helping to build schools and affect more changes to the village.

Since that initial project started in 2004-05, there is now on the parish property a dorm for 150 girls, a classroom block for 600 students, a high school, a cafeteria that holds a 1,000 students with a new kitchen, a science lab, a library that holds 400 students and is equipped with computers, a clinic attending to those with AIDS and malaria, and four apartments for teachers and families. Holy cow, not bad.

Fr. Massey informs us that they have now leased land along the Nile River and raise beef cattle to pay the expenses of the diocese and schools. If you wish to buy a cow, support the clinic or school, contact Fr. Massey at 416-638-0313 or frmassey@gmail.com.



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- > working with the Communications Office to determine appropriate content, layout and design
- > working with the Advancement Office to collect alumni information

Other:

- > must have excellent writing and editorial skills
- > must have a strong knowledge of school history
- > must have or be prepared to build strong alumni connections
- > must have a flexible schedule and enjoy working with others
- > volunteer position (with small honourarium)

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donald mcdougall story

DONALD MCDOUGALL 1909 – A REMARKABLE JOURNEY FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

Donald McDougall was born in December 1892, came to St. Mike's on Bay St. in September 1906 and matriculated in June 1909. Financial hardship prevented him from continuing his education, and he found work in Sudbury at the Mond Nickel Co., which was eventually to merge with the International Nickel Company (INCO).

Any career he might have had in the mining industry was cut short by the outbreak of war in Europe in August, 1914. As the war on the western front continued taking its appalling toll in human lives, and like so many other young men, he enlisted for military duty in the Princess Pats Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) in December, 1915. Following a brief period of training in Montreal he was shipped overseas to England and then to France in July, 1916.

His war was a short one. After seeing action at Ypres and the Somme he was grievously wounded in battle at Courcellette on September 16, suffering the loss of eyesight in both eyes.

A lesser man might have been condemned to obscurity by such a devastating wound. What followed for Donald McDougall was neither the end of hope nor the beginning of despair, but a life that can truly be described as remarkable.

Sent to St. Dunstan's in England, an Institute that specialized in helping blinded veterans to cope with their disability, he learned braille (the system of printing in raised letters that enables the blind to read by touch), and was trained as a masseur. So accomplished did he quickly become at this art that he was appointed to the staff at St. Dunstan's, and at a London military hospital, to teach massage technique to other similarly wounded veterans. Returning to Canada in December, 1918, he continued his career in massage therapy, opening a private practice in an office on Bloor St. as well as teaching at the CNIB and the University of Toronto. He was a founding director and first vice president of the professional organization that would evolve to become what is today the Canadian Association of Physiotherapists. All the while he was the sole means of support for his mother and four of his five siblings.

While this work was satisfying, it clearly did not meet his intellectual cravings, and urged by two university academics who had been officers in his battalion, in 1922 he entered the University of Toronto to pursue a degree in history. In the face of what would seem to have been insurmountable difficulties he graduated in 1925 with first class honours. His academic performance had been so outstanding that he was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to continue his studies at Oxford University. He was the first St. Michael's College School student to be awarded a Rhodes Scholarship. At Oxford



he continued to display his remarkable abilities, again winning a coveted first class standing, and being the first Canadian to do so.

His university years were not all work and no play. He was a rower, a canoeist and an avid hiker. He even took up golf and was written of in a Toronto paper as a “blind golfer” who shot 86 for 9 holes at the Thornhill Golf Club in July 1923. (59 years later, his 15 year old great granddaughter, Meghan McDougall, would post exactly the same 86 two days in a row over 18 holes at the same Thornhill Golf Club, in the 2009 Toronto Star Invitational).

In 1929 he accepted the offer of a teaching position in the History Department at the University of Toronto, filling a post left vacant when his friend Lester B. Pearson moved on to other duties in Ottawa. He remained a professor of History at Toronto for the next 32 years, retiring as professor emeritus in 1962. In addition to his teaching duties, he played a formative role in the creation of the Canadian Catholic Historical Association. In his retirement he was awarded honorary degrees by the University of Toronto and St. Mary's University, Halifax. It was said that a large and prestigious university history department could be staffed from his former students who made the teaching of history a career.

As a member of St. Basil's parish for over 50 years, he was both a friend and a teacher of many noteworthy Basilian priests, including Fr. McCorkell, C.S.B., Fr. Ambrose Raftis, C.S.B. and Archbishop Cardinal Flahiff, C.S.B.



Donald McDougall died on February 29, 1978. The principal celebrant at his funeral mass at St. Basil's was Fr. Michael Sheehan, C.S.B. and Fr. Walter Principe, C.S.B. was the homilist.

A McDougall connection at St. Mike's did continue. As many grads will remember Donald McDougall's 2nd son Hugh taught at St. Mike's from 1960 to 1986, as a history teacher and as vice principal for 20 years. His two sons, [Brian '84](#) and [Peter '87](#) are graduates. His eldest daughter Elizabeth joined the staff at SMCS in 1993 as a French teacher, and is currently the head of the Modern Languages Department. A final note of serendipitous proportions, Hugh went on to teach the only two other St. Michael's College School Rhodes Scholars – [Colin Brezicki '65](#) and [Fr. Robert Barringer, C.S.B '62](#). In complimenting granddaughter, Meghan, on her golfing ability, Hugh's game is evidence that such ability of this kind often skips a generation.

the alumni association welcomes the class of 2010

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Matthew Leaper
Andrew Lee*+
Carson Lee
Edmond Lien

Peter Loparco**+
Joseph Luongo
Jonathan Magri
John Malenica
Christian Maraldo+
Zdravko Markus
Adrian Marsili+
Matthew Marsili+
George Mason**
Paolo Mastracci*
Michael Mastrella**+
Elliot Mayhew*+
Patrick Mazurek**+
Daniel Mazzotta+
Joseph Mazzuca**+
Cameron McCracken**
Evan McIntyre*+
Cameron McOuat
Mark Melfi*+
Simon Minatel*
Fernando Monge-Loria**
Robert Morettin**+
Michael Naccarato**+
Peter Nahirny+
Sanghyun Nam**
William New+
Aaron Noronha**
Patrick Nunziata*
Matthew O'Halloran
Ellery O'Hara*+
Stefano Oliverio*
Dafe Oputu**
Jonathan Osinchuk
Benedetto Palombo*
Michael Paolucci*
Kyle Park
Erick Patrician
Michael Paulo**+
Daniel Percuklijevic
Alessandro Pianosi*+
Adam Pietrangelo**+
Alexander Protomanni**
Matthew Purdy+
Vincent Rago**
Franco Recchia*+
Mark Reitmeier**+
Eric Reyes**+
Michael Reynolds
Grant Richardson*

Anthony Rizzo
David Rocco**
Collin Rocha+
Jonathan Roth**+
Michael Rowe*+
Michael Ruffolo*
Liam Sako**
Sandro Saldutto*
Andrew Salituro
Matthew Salituro**
David Sanita
Ian Sheriff**+
William Sinclair**
Ian Stansfield*
Nicholas Studer
Alexander Suppa
Stephen Tam**
Daniel Tamburri*+
Paul Taylor**
Kevin Terceros*
Andrew Tersigni**
Clarke Thompson*
Michael Tibollo
Kevin Toda**
Thomas Toll*+
Andrew Tonus*
Steven Trotta
Scott Turano**
Ryan Valente
Cristian Valentini**+
Lucas Valenzano*
Nicholas Venditti
Alexander Vining*+
Domenic Virelli
Stefan Walcott*
Peter Webster+
John Paul Weppeler*+
Mike Wetoszka*
Thomas Elliot White+
Benjamin Whittle
Derek Wiggan**
David Wilson**+
William Wong+
Aman Yimmesghen
Matthew Zanardo+
GianPaolo Zannella
Joseph Zappulla*
Nicholas Zawadzki**+
Jeffrey Zhang*+
Matthew Zirnhelt

the BIG 5-OH

DAVE TRAFFORD '79

Coming up with a good idea is one thing. Following through on it is something else entirely. In some cases, the follow through transforms the idea into something great. That's pretty much what happened this summer.

The idea was to have a collective birthday bash for the Class of '79. The seed was sown a couple of summers ago. The 79'ers would hit the Big 5-Oh! in 2010, so we needed to celebrate in style and together. Thanks to some forward thinking and quick action by [Rob Wright](#) and [Joe Lee](#), the Palais Royale on Lakeshore Blvd. was booked two years in advance and Downchild signed on to play the party. It all came together June 19, 2010.

And what a party! Grub on grill and 700 of our "closest" friends in attendance. Appropriately, things kicked off with the alumni opening act The Big 5-Oh! Band featuring [Chris Lang, '77](#), [Richard Gaughan, '78](#), [David Trafford Jr., '07](#), M.C.'s [Tom Knight](#), and yours truly, [Dave Trafford](#). Special thanks to [Al Brandstatter](#) at National Bank Financial for his generous contribution. Marty Story, Hugh McDougall, Dave Smyth, Fr. Cecil Zinger, C.S.B. and Clemente Grassi, were among the "old boy" faculty in attendance. Fr. Zinger, C.S.B. just like the old days, had his fingers in his ears with the music cranked to "11".

Yes, it was a reunion of sorts, but it was more than that. As the Big 5-Oh! Band sang:

Here's to the best of our recollections.
Here's to the stories that we told.
And as the years go by - the best ones turn to lies!
That's the way it goes when you hit the Big 5-Oh.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOYZ!

[Fr. Neil Hibberd, C.S.B. '57](#) sent his best wishes: Wishing you all the merriest of boondoggles as you celebrate the triumph of fifty years while navigating many waters upon your arrival at the Palais Royale on the shores of Lake Ontario.

Yes, congratulations are in order to all those 1979 St. Mike's grads, who together are celebrating their 50th birthdays. It's a remarkable testimony to the cohesive and on-going relationships that St. Michael's has fostered within your graduating class. To celebrate the occasion among friends, family and relatives speaks of that strong bond of friendship rare in our society. On behalf of those teachers who once stood in front of you and now stand beside you, we wish you peace, good health, continued fraternity and commitment to all things St. Michael.

The following grads, along with their families and friends, attended the sold out gala: Al Brandstatter, Jose Campos, Carlo DeVuono, Enrico DePasquale, Tom Fekete, Tony Formosa, Mike Grennan, Dino Guiliano, Joe Lee, Tom Knight, Frank Minchella, Mike McCarron, Dave Muszynski, Peter Oliver, Maurice Pasquali, Tom Pepevnak, Danny Pitoscia, Chris Reynolds, Sergio Rosa, Vic Simkus, John Sinclair, Frank Solda, Greg Tedesco, Dave Trafford, Audrius Vaidilla, and Rob Wright.

where are they now?

1940'S

[Joe Prendergast '45](#) writes that he has just finished reading *100 Years of Pucks and Prayers* and was struck by the fact that he has watched all four St. Mike's Memorial Cup teams.

1934 - taken to games by my mother, a big sports fan

1945 - as a student at the Bay Street school

1947 - as a student at St Mike's College School and in

1961 - while working in Alberta, I flew in a small plane to a game in Edmonton. I wonder how many other Old Boys can say the same. After St. Mike's, Joe attended the University of St. Michael's College where he graduated with a Masters degree in Geophysics. He has been employed in the mining and petroleum industry and later as a consultant for hydro power. Joe lived in Mexico City from 1961-67, then Calgary where he was a Catholic School Trustee. Finally, he settled in Orillia where he continued his involvement in lacrosse as a player, coach, referee, manager and executive. Brothers [Bill '48](#), [John '48](#) and [Paul '46](#) along with his cousin, [D'Arcy '48](#) all attended St. Mike's



Lou Odette '69

[Lou Odette '69](#) completed his undergrad degree in Zoology at U of T. His next stop was MIT in Boston in 1974, where he earned a PhD in Electrical Engineering, and finally on to Oxford University for a graduate degree in Applied Math in 2005. He currently attends MIT as an ASP Fellow, is employed by AIG, and lives in Chestnut Hill, MA, just outside Boston.

Lou keeps in touch with [Andrew Paskauskas '69](#), who earned a PhD in the History of Science. While Lou was at Oxford, Andrew completed a graduate programme in Bioinformatics. Lou tells the rest of his story.

After MIT, I joined the Engineering faculty at Boston University and started collaboration with another faculty member there. I later moved to Houston to work for NASA, and the book I wrote is related to the work we did together, including some experiments that were used on one of the space shuttle missions.

Lou stays in touch with [Paul McCann '68](#), [Norm Leonard '69](#) and [David Compton '69](#). For the last 10 years, he has played hockey with [Jeff McIntyre '80](#), who played for the Buzzers from 1978-81. "I spent a wonderful time at St. Mike's and I am forever thankful for the education and friendships I made there."

[Andrew Forgione '07](#) sends news that he is enjoying his Presidency of the Social Sciences Student Council at the University of Western Ontario. St. Mike's classmates [Jon Buccella '07](#), has been re-elected as a Councillor on the Social Science Student Council, and [Brandon Sousa '07](#), has also been re-elected as a Councillor in the Media Information and Technoculture faculty.



Andy '07 with friend Dan Sadler



Andy '07 with Mr. Sheridan and James Higgins '07 (right)

[Andy Delisi '07](#) graduated from Queen's University with a degree in Film and Media Studies and found time to run for the Varsity Track and Field team. In his third year he began to seriously work on his music and played a steady gig at the Ale Canteen on Thursday nights in Kingston. At the same time he composed, recorded and produced a demo CD with eight original songs. Andy is now living in Kingston and studying music online through the Berklee School of Music with plans to record another original album before Christmas. This past summer he was the Assistant Recreation Manager at the Delta Rocky Crest Resort in Muskoka. He lives in the same house as classmate [James Higgins](#) who is in his first year of medical school at Queen's. He sees classmates [Mike](#) and [Rich Di Lena](#), [Greg Miceli](#), [Mike '06](#) and [Steve Hossack](#), [Andre Borges](#), [Andrew Auganno](#), [Will Ngai](#), [John Cengarle](#), [Marc Buckley](#) who, with Andy, competed in the Frontier Adventure Challenge in Muskoka in September. The race consisted of three events (trekking, biking and canoeing) over an 80km course. "The race took us 12 hours to complete and was one of the most challenging and demanding physical activities in which I have ever competed," said Andy.

[Michael Lista '02](#) is a poet and essayist whose work has appeared in *The Walrus*, the *National Post*, *Maisonneuve*, *Canadian Notes & Queries*, and the companion book to Guy Maddin's film *My Winnipeg*, published by Coach House Books. He is the author of *Bloom*, a collection of poems published by the House of Anansi, which follows the doomed Canadian physicist Louis Slotin on his last day at work for the Manhattan Project.

the basilian peace and justice pilgrimage 2010

TED SCHMIDT '57

This summer six alumni of St. Michael's College School went as pilgrims to Israel under the aegis of leader [Fr. Bob Holmes, C.S.B. '54](#). Accompanying the inspiring Holmes were [Don Schmidt '59](#), [Brian Halferty '60](#), [Ed Podgorski '68](#), [Mario Calla '70](#) and myself. Luckily for us the pilgrimage was short on nostalgia while long on evangelical values.

Fr. Holmes', C.S.B. pilgrimage was in the heart of tradition. It was a thrill for us to walk the shores of the Sea of Galilee, the provenance of the synoptic gospels; it was great to visit Caesarea and Capernaum and indeed Jerusalem. Their connection to Jesus is incontestable. However they are not "the true custody terra sancta" as Galilean Archbishop Elias Chacour reminded us. Those trips, no matter how interesting, in the end are dead ends to a moribund Jesus. We wanted the living Christ and it was Jesus himself who told us where to look.

It is Matthew's famous last judgment scene where Jesus directs us to look for him today. "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in. I needed clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you looked after me. I was in prison and you came to visit me." (Matthew 25:35,6)

We discovered once again the true locus of divine revelation in the marginalized lives this time of the Palestinian people living under occupation. This was the pearl of great price, the true Holy land. It did not reside in lifeless antiquities or sacred places. It was in the "living stones" of those on the margins, the oppressed descendants of the apostles.



Arriving in At-Tuwani



*Don Schmidt '59, Bernie Heffernan, and Ed Podgorski '68
(Left to right)*



Pilgrims - The Living Stones

'Living stones' Basilian pilgrimage was everywhere in evidence if one had biblical eyes to see. It was particularly evidenced in the lives of hundreds of thousands of the original inhabitants who had seen 460 villages bulldozed as they were ethnically cleansed in 1948. These long-suffering people are still there waiting for an act of solidarity and acknowledgement of their intolerable situation.

We met the 'living stones' who were working for peace and reconciliation there — bereaved Israelis and Palestinians in the parents' circle (www.theparentscircle.com/), those who have seen their beloved children sacrificed on the Moloch of war and say, "No more"; the living stones are young Israeli soldiers who can not stomach the price of occupying another people. They are "breaking the silence" (www.shovrimstika.org). The living stones are those rabbis for human rights (www.rhr.org.il/index.php?language=en) the rabbinic voice for conscience in Israel who are safeguarding authentic universal values and Jewish ethics. The living stones are Christian Peacemakers (www.cpt.org/work/palestine) walking Palestinian children to school. The living stones are those descendants of the apostles who have inhabited the land for two millennia and who are nonviolently refusing their debased status.

The Basilian Peace and Justice Pilgrimage to the Holy Land was at the heart of Catholic and biblical tradition, a living faith which inspired all of us.

barry mcdermott profile

STUDENT, TEACHER, ALUMNUS-JUST A MINIBUS AWAY

Barry McDermott '60 arrived on the doorstep of a recently opened St. Michael's College School in September of 1955. He was in possession of a \$50 scholarship from the Catholic Women's League of St. Anthony's parish that covered tuition for entry into Grade 9. His first year average of 94% established the young inner city student as a Scholastic All-Star in The Tower Yearbook under moderator Fr. Maurice Whelan, C.S.B. and a full scholarship worth \$60 to cover the Grade 10 tuition fee.

He went on to continue his higher education at St. Michael's College within the University of Toronto where he graduated with a degree in Geography. He subsequently earned a Type "A" Teaching Certificate through the Ontario College of Education.

McDermott attended the 1964 Teachers' Job Fair at the Park Plaza Hotel in Toronto. While roaming the halls, he was invited to chat with officials from the Northumberland County School Board --- and was offered a position as teacher/department head in Geography at Bowmanville High School. "The interview was all over in 10-minutes," remembers McDermott. "I walked away with a yearly salary of \$4500. I couldn't even remember whether I was going to be teaching in Bowmanville or Beamsville!"

Two years later, Barry was scheduled to move to North Toronto Collegiate. He recalls: "I used to play Saturday morning hockey with the St. Mike's teachers. While sitting on the player's bench between line changes, the principal, Fr. Neil Smith C.S.B. '48, asked me to speak with him after the game. He immediately offered me a job in an expanding Geography Department with Jack Fenn '54. It was a proud moment. I could not have been happier!" Over the next three decades, the department was to welcome many fine teachers including Fr. Gordon Kennedy, C.S.B. (pastor at Sacred Heart Parish in Teeswater, Ontario), Paul Forbes (Guidance Counsellor at SMC), Paul Crawford (Superintendent of Education in Mississauga), John Mackle (Director of Education for the Peterborough County Catholic School Board) and Anthony Zanardo (current teacher/department head at SMC).

The years passed quickly and then the decades. Along the way, Barry McDermott and John Nix, both first year teachers at the school, coached the bantam Baby Blues to a TDCAA football championship led by quarterback Rob Grossi '64. Barry recalls that "the team received championship jackets from the Quarterback Club under President Gerry Fullan-- a group of alumni and parents that raised funds for the school through Thursday Night Bingos and an annual November Turkey Roll. It was my first team jacket. I must have worn that windbreaker for 20-years or more!"

Vince Pagano and Barry McDermott launched the very successful St. Michael's Blues baseball program in the late 1980's. The initial seasons were special for both coaches as their sons, Patrick McDermott '89 and Matt Pagano '89, were worthy contributors to the team as a pitcher and catcher respectively. Another member of the club at that time was shortstop/pitcher Jeff Zownir '88 --- now a Science teacher and the coach of both the senior baseball and basketball teams at St. Mike's.



Among the most loyal supporters over the years were [Fr. Bud Cullen, C.S.B. '36](#), [Fr. Jim Enright, C.S.B. '42](#), Fr. Dan Zorzi C.S.B. and Blue Jays radio broadcaster Jerry Howarth.

McDermott likes to fondly recall his role as Commissioner of the SMC House League Hockey program through the 1970's. "Every homeroom had a team and registration was usually around 300 students. Competition was spirited and Vice Principal and sports' enthusiast, Hugh McDougall always arranged for shorter periods to accommodate the hundreds of spectators on Championship Day!"

Barry McDermott was carrying the dual role of Geography Teacher/Department Head and Arena Manager when he retired in 1997. Since then, he has returned to St. Michael's periodically as an extended contract teacher, supply teacher and a private tutor of Geography and Mathematics. "I have also enjoyed some wonderful travel over the past decade" he adds. "With colleagues and spouses, we have ventured to New Zealand with [Gerry Marlborough '59](#) and explored seven major league baseball stadiums from Boston south to Washington with Dan Nicholson. Throw in four European junkets as well."

Today Barry is active as a free lancer in the tourism sector. He leads groups around Toronto on busses and streetcars, by bicycle and on foot. Niagara Falls is another major destination. Visit www.toursbylocals.com. The veteran teacher likes to describe these activities "as field trips" --- a natural outgrowth of his time at St. Michael's that now spans 55-years!

Indeed, the connection still exists! The school recently purchased a new 24-passenger minibus and now Barry provides service as a "designated supply driver" for class trips and sports teams.

la famiglia donatelli bursary

St. Michael's College School is pleased to announce the establishment of the La Famiglia Donatelli Bursary. Peter Donatelli '87 relates the story behind his generous bequest.

As I look back over my life and time at St. Mike's, I find many reasons to give back to a school which has given me so much. I am a teacher now with the Toronto District School Board working at Rivercrest Junior School in Etobicoke. I have been teaching for 16 years and I feel more energized than I ever have as a teacher.

I chose to make this bequest to St. Mike's for a number of reasons. First of all, I wanted to honour my parents, Mansueto and Ida, who are both deceased, for always supporting me and encouraging me to study and work hard. They always use to say, "La zappa e dura," which roughly translated to "Tilling the soil is hard work." They were both immigrants from Italy who had earned a Grade 5 education. My mom was especially proud that I attended St. Mike's and became a teacher. Secondly, as a teacher I continue to 'pass on the torch' of the importance of education and a strong work ethic to my students. One of my former students at Rivercrest, Alex, now attends St. Mike's. His mother once told me that she could see the similarities in my teaching style with the teaching staff at St. Mike's. I guess the St. Mike's spirit travels with you! Thirdly, I was encouraged to attend St. Mike's by my Grade 8 teacher, but the concern was that I would not be able to afford it. My dad passed away when I was in Grade 5, and there were financial concerns. I didn't have to pay the first two years; I got a part time job, and St. Mike's did the rest to support my family financially so that I was able to graduate. So if I can help others to have the same opportunities, I felt I needed to do it. St. Mike's has always been a very special part of my life and my family. A number of the friends that I met there have truly become my brothers. For example, at my mother's funeral in January of 2010, four out of six of the pallbearers were from the class of 1987. These are the reasons why I decided to establish LA FAMIGLIA DONATELLI BURSARY.



Peter '87



Mansueto



Ida

in memoriam

1930's

[Fr. Ronald Cullen, C.S.B. '32](#) passed away on July 11, 2010 at Anglin House in Toronto at the age of 94.

Fr. Ron grew up in the Sunnyside/Parkdale area of Toronto during the depression. He was ordained in 1941 and spent four years at SMCS and the next four years at Catholic Central High School in Detroit, Michigan. From here, he moved to Assumption High School in Windsor, his home for the next 55 years. When his health and eye sight began to fail he moved to Anglin House in Toronto where he remained until his death. It was not unusual to have some of his former students and athletes from several Canadian and U.S. cities visit him and reminisce about the days gone by and to receive his counsel.

Fr. Cullen, C.S.B. was both a simple and complex man. He was a priest first and a coach second. The values that he championed during his lifetime - self discipline, team work, dedication, humility, loyalty, sacrifice and service to others, defined the man. His players knew him to be a strong disciplinarian who could bring out the very best in an individual. He could take an average team and turn them into champions. His practices were legendary but for all his toughness he also had a sense of humour and genuinely cared for his players, often spending time with them on matters unrelated to the playing field or rink. For Fr. Ron, it was not always about winning but asking his players to be the best they could be. He pushed players to their limits and often came up with remarkable results. He saw sports as a vehicle to make his athletes better people.

As a baseball and hockey coach at Assumption High School, Fr. Cullen's C.S.B. teams won countless championships at the city, provincial and national levels and he became a sports icon in the Windsor / Detroit area. The City of Windsor recognized his contribution to baseball and named a baseball field in his honour. He was one of the first inductees into the Windsor and Essex County Hall of Fame in 1982 and in 1996 he was inducted into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame. Several of the players he coached went on to play in the National Hockey League as well as professional baseball. Others went on to successful careers in the business world, medicine and law. To those who played for him he left an indelible mark.

Fr. Cullen, C.S.B. was interned in the Basilian Plot at Holy Cross Cemetery in Thornhill. He was pre-deceased by his sister Doreen and brother, [Fr. Bud Cullen '36](#) who died in 2008. Condolences are extended to his brothers Raymond and [Fr. Dermott, C.S.B. '43](#)

The article is written by Peter Fillman who Fr. Cullen C.S.B. taught and coached in baseball and hockey while attending Assumption College High School from 1948-53.

1950's

[John C. Murphy '50](#)

[James J. Murphy '50](#)

[Neil Longlade '53](#), passed away on March 25th, 2010. Neil was the former president and CEO of Clyne & Tinker, which under his leadership, became Canada's largest manufacturer of worsted fabrics. Through a benefactor, Neil was sent to St. Michael's as a potential candidate for the priesthood. He worked as a part time janitor's helper and as a bus boy in the college school cafeteria. His reward was getting to know [Red Kelly '46](#) and his life time hero [Dave Bauer '45](#), an elite athlete who turned down a pro hockey career to become a Basilian and later in his career was the recipient of The Order of Canada. Neil was a strong supporter of St. Michael's College. He attended daily mass and communion. His strong moral principles were formed at St. Mike's. He leaves his wife Elizabeth (Tucker), five children and six grand children.

Fr. Donald Flynn S. J. '52. passed away at Rene Goupil House (Jesuit Infirmary) Pickering, Ontario on Friday, September 17, 2010 in the seventy-seventh year of his life and fifty-sixth year of religious life. Don was born on December 1, 1933, son of Vincent Flynn and Elizabeth (Doyle) in Toronto, Ontario. After five years at St. Michael's College School, he entered the Society of Jesus. He taught French language and literature mainly at Campion College in Regina from 1961 to 1964 and again in 1970 through to 1995. He worked in Quebec City and Montreal. He will be missed by his family and his Jesuit companions.

Bob Bertoia '54 well loved and fondly remembered along with his musical fellowship at Gene Cuccia's '54 annual golf gatherings.

Dave Trace '54

Fr. Thomas Day '54. After a memorable Mass one summer day at Marygrove camp for girls, Fr. Thomas Day got choked up as the children presented him with a camp sweatshirt.

"He had a tear in his eye," recalls Louise Coutu, of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. "To me, that exemplified what he was always talking about, that Jesus loves children and they love each other and everything is going to be okay," she said. Fr. Day, Marygrove's beloved former chaplain who served in Toronto's parishes for 48 years, died on May 22, 2010, at South Lake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket, Ont. "He did so much to have people understand that rich or poor, privileged or not, we're all seen as equal and we just all have responsibility to help each other out," Coutu said. "The kids loved him. He called them his little angels. After every Mass, he'd give them high fives and (the kids) always sang a cheer for him."

Msgr. Brad Massman of St. Paul's Basilica said, Day, a former pastor at St. Paul's, would be remembered for how much he cared for the poor. In 1989 he founded the Cardinal Carter Breakfast Club for children, now in its 21st year at St. Paul's. Almost a decade later, Fr. Day oversaw the restoration of St. Paul's to its 19th-century splendour, and in 2000 was present when Pope John Paul II dedicated St. Paul's as a minor basilica.

Fr. Day served as a chaplain of the Ontario Provincial Police for many years and also acted as a separate school trustee. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 2, 1962 by Archbishop Philip Pocock. He served as pastor at St. Teresa's in Etobicoke, St. Boniface in Scarborough and St. Paul's Basilica in Toronto. He was associate pastor at several archdiocese of Toronto parishes: St. Joseph's, St. Lawrence Martyr, Corpus Christi, St. Brigid's and All Saints Catholic Church.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on May 28 by Archbishop Thomas Collins at St. Paul's Basilica. Fr. Tom leaves his brothers, Jacques '50, Gerald '51, David '57, Blair '60 and nephews Tom Day '90, Mike '11 and Andrew Harvey '11 and many nieces and nephews.

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Paul F. Murphy '55

1960's

Peter Brisbois '61 – This past April, writes Joe Brisbois '67, my brother Peter lost his battle with cancer. He was the eldest in a large family of eight children and along with my brother John '69 and I, was a graduate of St. Michael's College School. With his passing, Peter is survived by his wife Anna, his three children and his five grandchildren. A heart transplant in 1993 allowed Peter to witness the birth of his five grandsons. Peter spent four decades in education as a teacher, a vice principal, principal and finally in his retirement years, he was a supply teacher at St. Michael's. Working with youth created great joy in Peter's life. He was very proud of his continued association with St. Mike's as evidenced by his regular wearing of a SMC ball cap. With Peter, life was never just about him and his problems. When he spoke with you, the sole focus was you. He genuinely

was interested in others. As well as serving youth through the classroom, he also spent many years coaching youngsters within the community. Peter's association with the St. Vincent de Paul Society allowed him to assist those in need which he did in a most exemplary manner. As I reflect back on Peter Brisbois' life, I remember a very special person who served others and made a very special difference in their lives.

George Bodnar '69

Owen Chambers '61 brother of Graham '55 (deceased), Doug '58 (deceased) and brother in law of Brian Flanagan '54 (correction from Blue Banner, Spring/Summer 2010).

1970's

Bill (Wasył) Grod '74

1980's

Gregory Storus '89 passed away July 10, 2010, at age 49. After leaving St. Mike's Greg went to Ryerson and graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He worked at Mercury Marine in Mississauga, De Havilland Aircraft in Malton and for the City of Toronto. He taught in the evenings at Centennial College in Scarborough. Greg had fond memories of his shop class at St. Mike's with Carl Geniole, recalls his brother Paul '76. Gregory, uncle of Matthew '02, Mark '04 and Andrew '13, is survived by his brothers Paul and Tim '73.

Michael Rosenitsch '83, son of Ann Marie and Bill '58, brother of Steven '81 and John '85.

2000's

Paul Poloni '03, passed away on Friday, August 6th, 2010, in Renfrew, Ontario.

FRIENDS OF ST. MICHAEL'S

Mary Gertrude Fullan, wife of Gerry (deceased), mother of Michael '58, Brian '63, Rick '66, Larry '68, Ron '72, Kevin '74, Dan '76 and grandmother of Stephen '87; Antonio Venditti, grandfather of Gianni Pianosi '09, Alessandro '10 and Robert '12; Carol Wells, mother of Barton '94; Heather Sako, mother of Liam '12; Kathryn Bienkowski, wife of Steve '79; Edith Horvath grandmother of Christopher Myslicki '99 and Michael '02; Umberto Orsini, grandfather of Robert Grilli '12; Carmina Saccone, grandmother of Gino '80; Giuseppe Caruso, grandfather of Joseph Sgro '02 and Daniel Sdao '04; Dr. Marina Frescura, mother of Alex '92 and Paolo '94; Carlo Varone, grandfather of Marc Varone '09; Alan Davis, father-in-law of Greg Paolini and grandfather of Chris '09, Patrick '11 and Mark '15; William Basnicki, father of Ken '71 (deceased); Zbigniew Solecki father of Chris '73 and grandfather of Andrew '03; Petronele Stockus, mother of Raymond '66; Watson Fifield, father of Bill (SMC teacher) and grandfather of Brendan '08; Gracia Howard, grandmother of James '10, David '11 and Matthew Howard '14; Vito Fanelli, grandfather of Andrew Abballe '10; Diane Nicol, mother of Lazaar '09; Piera Cardella, mother of Jonathan '93; Pat Dineen, wife of Bill '53, mother of Gord '80, Kevin '81, Jerry '85, Shawn, Peter and daughter, Rosemary.

The St. Michael's community is saddened by the passing of all alumni and friends. We strive to publish all death notices on a timely basis and make every effort to ensure the accuracy of our obituaries. Please help us keep your loved ones in the school's prayers by sending information to the Office of Advancement at advancement@smcsmail.com or phone 416-653-3180 x458.

BIRTHS

Sean Nicholls '03 and Stephanie, a son, Benjamin (Nov. 2009). Grandson of Kimberley and Stephen Bailey. Mark Pulla '99, and Sabrina, a daughter, Sophia (May 3, 2010)

Domenic Carullo '90, and Bessie, a son, James Daniel (July 24, 2010)

Michael Beauclerc, and Kaela, a son, Reid Jacob (Sept. 2010)

around st. mike's

A number of our graduates and sport teams have been in the news this past year. Here are a few highlights.

HOMECOMING

The annual SMCS Homecoming took place on Saturday, October 2, 2010. The day was fun-filled with many activities, including performances by the Drumline, public skating, tours of St. Mike's, an interactive kidzone, BBQ lunch and soccer, volleyball and football games.



Terry Sheridan '89 in action



Homecoming 2010

MAJORS TO HOST MEMORIAL CUP

The St. Michael's Majors will host the 2011 MasterCard Memorial Cup Championship May 20 - May 29, 2011, at the Hershey Centre in Mississauga. The St. Michael's Majors have won the Memorial Cup on four occasions, with the most recent coming in 1961 when the team was led by [Fr. David Bauer, C.S.B. '45](#). The 2011 tournament marks the 50th anniversary of the 1961 victory and will

include many former players from the 'glory' years being honoured. The greatest hockey event in North America is coming to Mississauga. Don't miss it. For tickets visit www.stmichaelsmajors.com or call 905-502-7788 ext 1.

VARSITY BLUE GAELS REPRESENT ONTARIO AT U-16 NATIONALS

Coming off an OFSAA Lacrosse Championship in June, St. Michael's Grade 11 students: [Justin DeMarchi '11](#), [Joe French '11](#) & [Ryan Zwolinski '11](#), travelled to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan as members of Team Ontario for the U-16 National Lacrosse Championship. The trio was instrumental in helping Ontario reach the Gold Medal game against British Columbia. In the final, Joe French, the tournament leading scorer, recorded a hat-trick in a see-saw battle that saw Ontario win 13-12 in the final moments, earning him the MVP title. These players are congratulated for representing St. Michael's, Ontario, and our National Sport.

DRUMLINE PERFORMS AT THE TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

On September 8th, 2010 at Roy Thompson Hall the SMCS Drumline performed at the opening Gala screening for the Toronto International Film Festival. The Drumline gave a live performance at the end of the movie "The Score: A Hockey Musical", written and directed by our own [Michael McGowan '85](#), how appropriate for St. Mike's. They accompanied Hawksley Workman, the singer of the movie's theme song. It was a spectacular evening filled with all the glamour and glitz of a big Hollywood opening night. Congratulations to Head Instructor Michael Beauclerc, Director, Jamie Oatt, and the talented Drumline members.

ONE-MAN COMEDY

Toronto's [Mark Shyzer '02](#) enthusiastically presented a successful, one-man, five-character comedy show at the Hamilton Fringe Festival in the summer of 2010.

KERRY BLUES GRAD HOPEFUL

[Derek Wiggan '10](#), a 6'3", 260 pound defensive linebacker for the Kerry Blues and four time member of the St. Michael's Honour Roll, is enrolled at Queen's University, home of the Vanier Cup defending champions. Wiggan was on back to back Metro Bowl championship teams and hopes to fill the spot vacated by Shomari Williams, the top draft pick by Saskatchewan Rough Riders in 2010.



School Spirit in action

FORMER LEAFS G.M. AND MAJORS GOALIE, GERRY MCNAMARA SPEAKS AT ST. MIKE'S CLASSICS SPORTS HISTORY CLASS

On May 26, 2010, [Larry Colle '69](#) highlighted yet another successful graduate, [Gerry McNamara '54](#) who entertained a crowd of some 50 hockey enthusiasts as he recounted his time at St. Mike's and his tenure with the Leafs organization as player, scout and G.M. Gerry, never far from St. Mike's gatherings, is a faithful alumnus and participant in [Gene Cucia's '54](#) annual golf classic. You can catch him any day, rain or shine, on the Markland Woods Golf course. Gerry was a walk on at St. Mike's. Having served his apprenticeship as backup goalie to [Ed Chadwick '54](#) in 1952, he took over as principal goalie from 1953-55. He saw action with the Leafs in 1961 and also in 1971, and from 1981-88, served as the team's general manager.

Classes begin in the Fall – contact Larry Colle at: 416-452-2016 or e-mail, lcolle@sympatico.ca.

FR. JOHN MALO, C.S.B. '66 APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE CENTRE

The purpose of the St. Michael's Pastoral Care Centre is to provide counseling to students facing personal challenges and difficulties, working with families, and making referrals to outside agencies and professionals. In announcing his appointment, Fr. Joseph Redican, C.S.B., commented that "Fr. Malo's, direct, personal and spiritual style has served him and the school well over the past four years as Dean of Students."

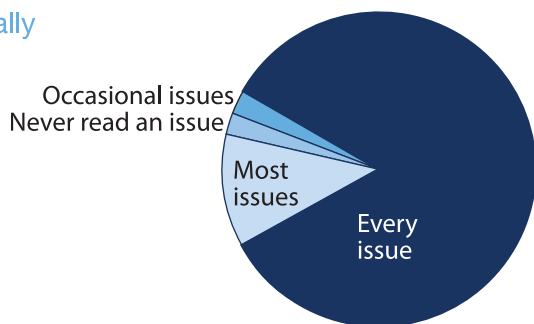
DAVID LEE '94 NAMED VICE PRINCIPAL

David has been teaching at St. Mike's since 1999. In his 11 years at the school, he has been actively involved in school life including, Coordinator of the St. Lucia Mission Trip Program, chaired the Technology Committee, introduced Smart Boards, designed and implemented the first online courses at the school, moderated the Law Society and coached both Jr. Football and Hockey. "Mr. Lee's cutting-edge pedagogy, relationship with students and respect from his colleagues made him the ideal candidate to take on the challenging role of Vice Principal," says [Terence Sheridan '89](#), Principal.

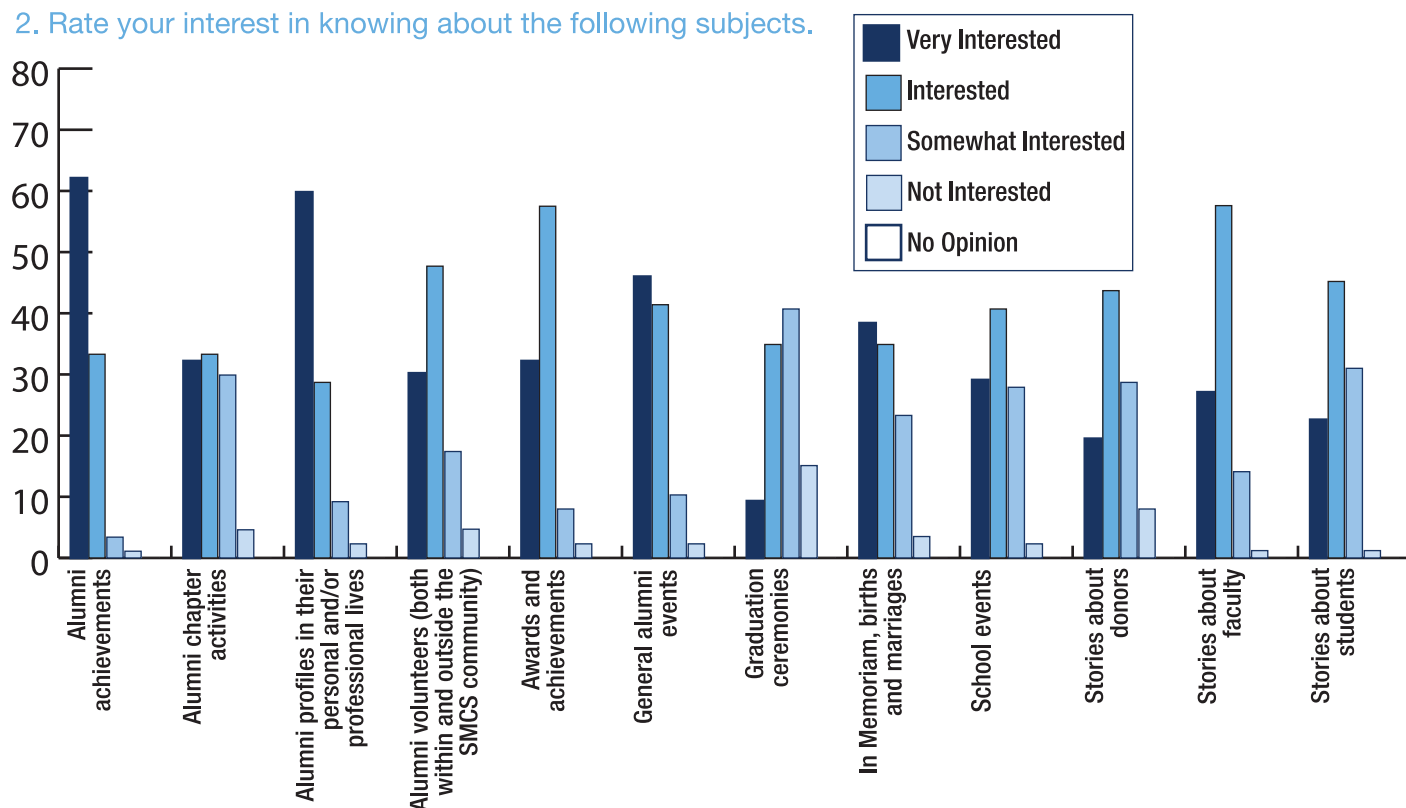


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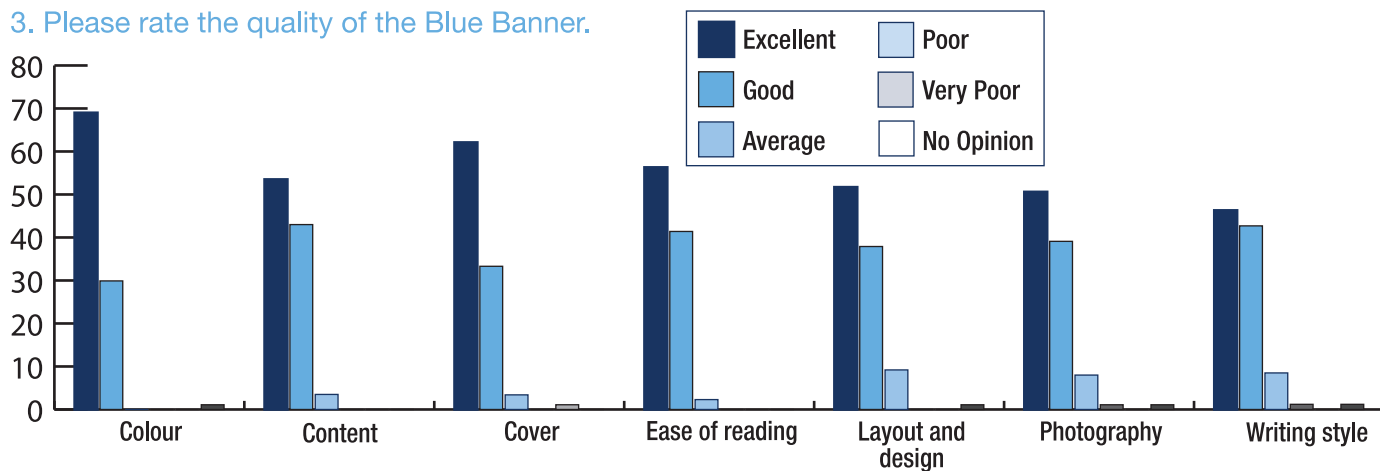
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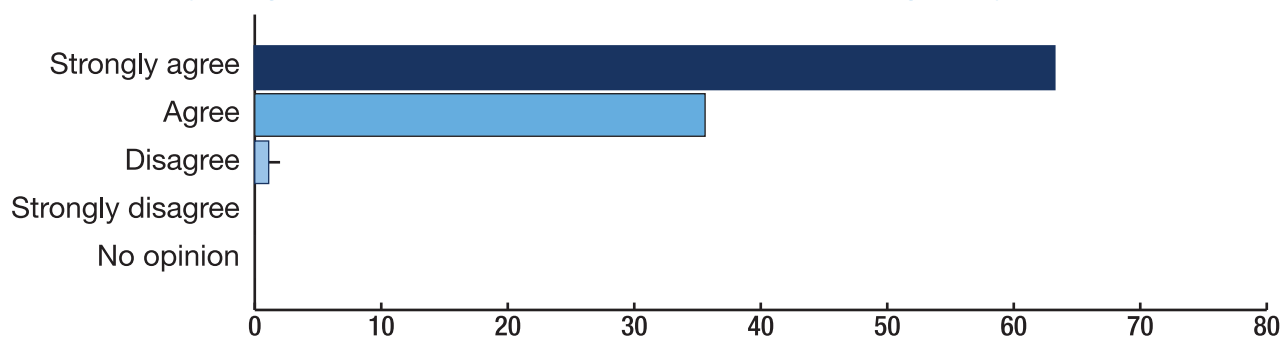
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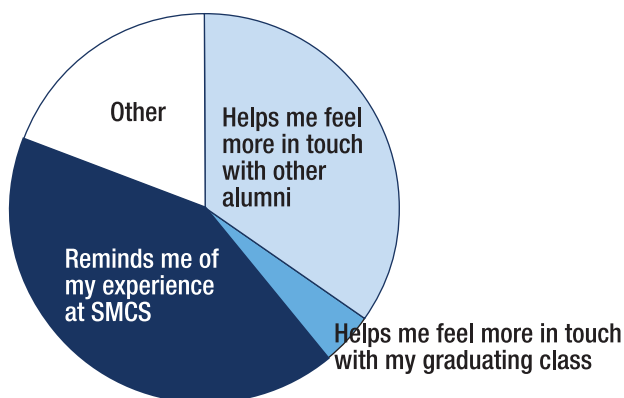
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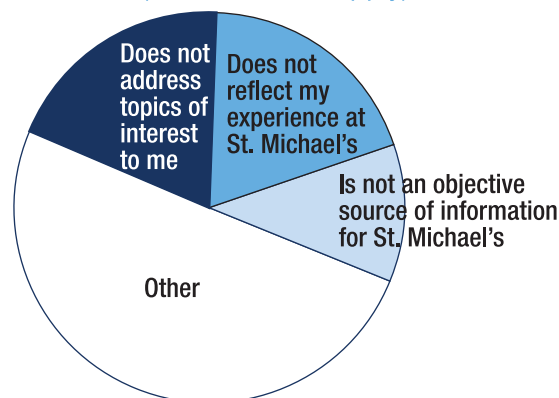
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4. Great source of information.
5. Era stories and information.

8. Dislikes:

1. Frequency - would like to see it more often.
2. Like to see more focus on spiritual side of the school.
3. Too focused on athletics.
4. More information about the alumni and for the alumni.
6. Many pictures fail to include captions or to identify subjects.
5. Tired of In Memoriam notices.

9. Improvements:

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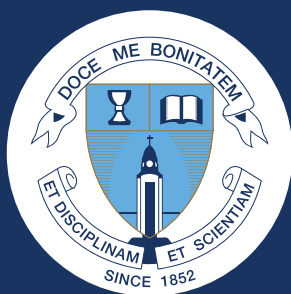
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